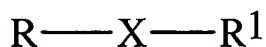


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-25 and add new claims 26-27 as follows:

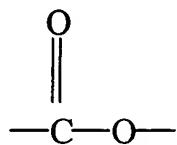
1. (Currently Amended) A method of use comprising Use of a compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a polyester polymer:



(1)

wherein: R and R¹ represent hydrocarbon moieties, each hydrocarbon moiety comprising 1 to 34 carbon atoms and wherein R and/or R¹ may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contain one or more double bonds and wherein, and wherein

X represents:



2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 comprising using the Use of a compound of general Formula 1 as [[a]] the slip agent in the polyester polymer, wherein the polyester polymer comprises a PET polymer, as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 16 and more preferably greater than 22.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of use Use of a composition compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 35.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of use Use of a composition compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is between 36 and 44.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of use Use of a composition compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a PET polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the composition compound of general Formula 1 is selected from the group comprising consisting of stearate, stearyl behenate and behenyl behenate, ethylene glycol distearate, ethyl behenate, behenyl acetate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate or mixtures thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of use Use of a composition compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the [[PET]] polymer is selected from the group comprising consisting of: [-]

poly(butylene terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

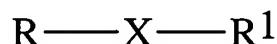
poly(ethylene terephthalate)

and co-polymers thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of use Use of a composition compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a [[PET]] polymer according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises PET polymer, wherein said composition compound of general Formula 1 is present in said PET polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of use Use of a composition compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a [[PET]] polymer according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises PET polymer, wherein said composition compound is present in said PET polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

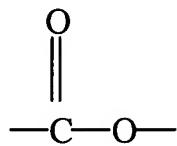
9. (Currently Amended) A polyester polymer incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1:



(1)

wherein[[:]] R and R¹ represent hydrocarbon moieties, each hydrocarbon moiety comprising 1 to 34 carbon atoms and wherein R and/or R¹ may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contain one or more double bonds; and wherein

X represents:



10. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 16 ~~and more preferably greater than 22~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 35.

12. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is between 23 and 44.

13. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, incorporating one more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein the ~~composition~~ compound is selected from the group

~~comprising~~ consisting of stearyl stearate, stearyl behenate, behenyl behenate, ethylene glycol distearate, ethyl behenate, behenyl acetate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmate or mixtures thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, inclusive wherein said polymer is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of:[-]

poly(butylenes terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

poly(ethylene terephthalate)

and co-polymer co-polymers thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, inclusive incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein said slip agent(s) are present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

16. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, wherein said slip agent(s) are present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a polyester polymer to increase the slip of said polymer, said method comprising incorporating into said polymer a ~~composition~~ compound of general Formula 1 as defined in Claim 9.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a polymer as claimed in claim 19, wherein said polymer is selected from [[a]] the group comprising consisting of:[[-]]
poly(butylenes terephthalate)
poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)
poly(ethylene isophthalate)
poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)
poly(ethylene phthalate)
poly(ethylene terephthalate)
or co-polymer and co-polymers thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said ~~composition~~ compound of general Formula 1 is present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said ~~composition~~ compound of general Formula 1 is present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

21. (Original) A container made from a polymer as claimed in Claim 9.

22. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said container is formed from a polymer selected from [[a]] the group comprising consisting of: [-]
poly(butylenes terephthalate)
poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)
poly(ethylene isophthalate)
poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)
poly(ethylene phthalate)
poly(ethylene terephthalate)
or co-polymer and co-polymers thereof.

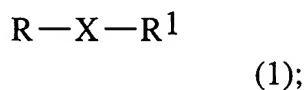
23. (Original) A film made from a polymer as claimed in Claim 9.

24. (Currently Amended) A film as claimed in Claim 23, wherein said film is formed from a polymer selected from [[a]] the group comprising consisting of: [-]
poly(butylenes terephthalate)
poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)
poly(ethylene isophthalate)
poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)
poly(ethylene phthalate)

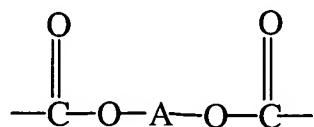
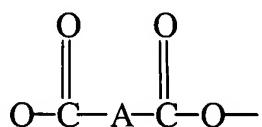
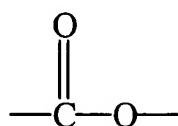
poly(ethylene terephthalate)

or co-polymer and co-polymers thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a copolymer of a polyester and a compound of general Formula 1:



wherein[[[:]]] R and R¹ represent hydrocarbon moieties, each hydrocarbon moiety comprising 1 to 34 carbon atoms and R and/or [[R1]] R¹ may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contained one or more double bonds; and wherein X represents one of the moieties:



wherein A represents a hydrocarbon moiety comprising 2 to 36 carbon atoms and may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contain one more double bonds.

26. (New) The method of Claim 1, comprising using the compound of general Formula 1 as the slip agent in the polyester polymer, wherein the polyester polymer comprises a PET polymer, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 22.

27. (New) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 22.